



FARMALL FLYER

International Harvester Collectors

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2024 Calendar of Events

February 8-10, Salina, Kansas Winter Convention hosted by Kansas Chapter 3. See details in Harvester Highlights.

February 11, 1 PM Annual "Braggin Rights" Farm Toy Show & General Membership Meeting at the clubhouse. Directors Meeting at 12 noon, Potluck Lunch at 1 PM followed by the General Membership Meeting. Set up displays any time after 11:30 AM. Contact: Gene at 585-690-8005.

May 4, (Saturday) Elba Plow Day at Lew Esten's farm, Rt. 98 & Edgerton Rd. We no longer have a meeting at this event so you have more time to enjoy it. Food available on your own. Contact: Gene Preston 585-690-8005. Lew Esten 585-409-8308.

May 19, Note Location! Meeting to be held at member John Langless Classic Tractor Barn at 4757 Littleville Rd, Avon, NY 14414. This is also our Swap Meet and **General Membership Meeting. Directors Meeting at 12 noon, Lunch at 1 PM provided by the chapter. General Meeting to follow.** Bring anything IH to swap or sell. Directions: Going south on Rte. 39 through Ashantee, take first left onto Littleville Rd. **THIS MEETING IS DEDICATED TO ANITA DEGLOPPER AND DONATIONS BY MEMBER DICK BELDING COVERS COST OF LUNCH.**

June 13-15, Red Power Showdown at the Bloomsburg, Fair Grounds, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. Visit IHCC17.org.com for information. Hosted by PA Chapter 17.

June 23, Annual Picnic at Butch & Cindy Christ's Farm, 2255 Peter Smith Rd, Kent, NY. Eat at 2 PM. Contacts: Gene at 585-690-8005, Butch at 585-748-3215. Bring lawn chairs, wear **RED** for photo for Harvester Highlights. Guest speaker and wagon ride farm tour.

June 20-23, 35th Annual Red Power Roundup, hosted by Iowa Chapter 5, Spencer, Iowa. See details in Harvester Highlights.

August 7-10, NYSEA Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. We no longer have a meeting at this show so that you can enjoy it more. Featuring construction equipment.

September 5-8, WNYG&SEA Rally, Alexander, NY. This is our state show, "**RED POWER CHARGE 2024**" Chapter meeting **Saturday, September 7.** Directors meet at 2 PM followed by a General Meeting. Food available on the grounds. Contact: Dale Rissinger at (585) 584-3886.

November 10, Reorganizational Meeting at clubhouse. Director's meeting 12 noon. Potluck lunch at 1 PM followed by General Meeting. Election results.

December Date & Location TBA. Annual Christmas Party, Installation of officers, Directors meeting at 12:30 PM, General meeting 1:30 PM, dinner served at 2:30 PM. Guest speaker TBA. Contact: Gene at 585-690-8005

Sunshine Notes:

Patty Feeney will send cards or notes to our members who are ill, in distress, recuperating or who have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone needing some TLC at these times, please contact:

Patty at (585) 269-9594 or email to feeney134@aol.com

Deadline date for Articles April 5, 2024

Send us a story about your tractor or anything IH!



From the President

On behalf of our Chapter 35 leadership team, I hope all reading this had a good holiday season. The years just go by faster and faster. Looking back, 2023 was a good growing season for farmers in our area, but for our club it was a sad year as we lost 8 members. That hurt. Five were charter members. The passing of charter member #112, Dr. Paul G. Schneible, DVM of Perry, NY, Wyoming County was a heavy hit. His status, humor and friendship will be missed. He attended our spring meeting at Steve and Sue Sondericker's Dairy Farm and entertained us by telling us all about cows and their habits. Last to pass was charter member #013, Margy M. VanValkenburg of Bergen, NY. May they all rest in peace. I have ordered name plates for Paul and Margy for the memorial plaque at the clubhouse.

For myself, unexpectedly losing my younger brother Ken to cancer made the year a bad one for the family. His heart-warming visits will be missed. I wish everyone reading this a happy and healthy 2024.

Our big social event of the year, our Christmas Party-Installation of Officers Meeting at Batavia, NY was a fun time. Read all about it elsewhere in FF (Farmall Flyer).

Our Annual Reorganizational Meeting and Election in the fall resulted in a fine Chapter 35 Officer and Board of Directors for the year 2024. See the list of names and positions elsewhere here in Farmall Flyer. I am so proud of our officers and directors for all they do to keep Chapter 35 up and running.

Our next special event will be our Annual Farm Toy Show known as "Braggin' Rights." Most of our members have a proud collection of IH farm toys. This is the time to bring them out and show them off while our big toys are inside safely stored away for the winter. Plan now what you will bring. I am thinking about showing my Tru-Scale collection of IH tractors and farm implement toys. Members with displays will have an opportunity to stand up and brag about them.

We all remember the excitement and fun of meeting at Steve and Susan Sondericker's Dairy Farm last spring. Well, thanks to member John Langless, we will be meeting away from the clubhouse again for our May 19 meeting at his *LANGLESS CLASSIC TRACTORS* barn in Avon, NY. Details are in the Calendar of Events online and in Farmall Flyer. Plan now to attend. He says his barn has more old iron than we will have time to admire. Bring your lawn chair. We will feed you.

Awhile back member Tom Macauley announced that his tractor stable increased as he purchased a gold demonstrator 1456 and sent it to the paint shop. Then he sent his 1566 also to be repainted. These two tractors are far from routine models, and it will be an exciting day when we can see the finished machines. Let me know if any of our readers own gold demos.

And for you grease monkeys out there, my Farmall 200 started dripping gasoline from the sediment bulb assembly last week. A text analysis with my online fix-it guy, Ontario, Canada Chapter 20 expert Erik DeKeyser who mailed me a new replacement cork gasket. A second leak was easily fixed by tightening the nut on the shutoff valve. Hey gang, sometimes we get lucky.

I have been helping our busy membership secretary Dave Meacham by making phone calls to members not yet renewed. Most renew after talking with them saying they overlooked it.

Kathy Baker called me to tell of her brother James M. Baker, Charter member #034, passing away November 12, 2022 at age 68. It is sad when we hear of members passing long after they died. She said when he became ill and stopped farming, his membership was to let expire and with no computer or newsletter, they became disconnected. I asked what became of his Super-H, and

she said the engine was set up and they sold it for \$300. Sad ending to a swell guy and his tractor.

I introduced a new Chapter 35 event to take place each year during the December meeting. A brief Memorial Service of reading names of deceased members during the year complete with the ringing of a bell after each name was appreciated by all. Sort of like in the old Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", where each time a bell is rung an angel is born. It is a fitting tribute to members who served the chapter and are now with us in spirit only.

In closing, stay warm this winter season and take advantage of the quiet time to heat up the barn shop and service those Farmalls so they are ready at springtime to hook onto the plows and get turning the rich soil such as we are so blessed with here in New York State.

Get Crankin'

Gene Preston

So, what does it take to keep a club going such as our IHC Chapter 35 of NYS? I can think of two things right of the top of my head:

1. Manpower to manage the chapter such as the BODs. This includes dedicated members to head up committees, work on committees, maintain member records, website, Facebook page and fund raisers.
2. Second is funding. The funding can come from fund raisers such as the last pedal tractor fund raiser, membership dues, gifts, and donations.

The BOD would like to recognize and thank members that went above and beyond just their membership dues and made donations:

Robert "Goober" Andrews	Richard Kohl
Bradford Banks	Brad Macauley
Robert Bishop	Daniel Park
John Brennan	Byron Pfleuger
Jennifer Caci	Brant Sherlock
Alan Cornwell	Arthur Todtenhagen
Jacob Delude	Carl Zenger

Thank you!

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS POSITION CREATED

By Order of Board of Directors (BOD)

At the November 12, 2023 BOD meeting President Gene Preston explained to the board his desire to have a Sergeant-At-Arms position created and an individual appointed. Most organizations have a sergeant-at-arms mostly to assist the president at meetings. Duties would include but not be limited to such as supporting the president by making sure all is in place before meetings, greet any guests expected, circulate sign-in sheet, collect and count ballots, assure that members are in good standing, protect club officers and remove members that may be out of order, etc.

The BOD approved the position of sergeant-at-arms and instructed President Preston to present necessary verbiage and procedure to enter the position into our bylaws.

At the December 16, 2023 meeting the board of directors approved member Thomas Macauley as sergeant-at-arms and he was installed and sworn-in. Our bylaws director Dave Meacham has updated our bylaws to reflect this action and the change was ratified on December 16, 2023. Below is an excerpt from the newly ratified bylaws.

Section 5 Duties of the Appointees shall be as follows:

The **Sergeant-at-Arms** provides support for the president.

- Carries out requests or orders from the president.
- Makes sure the flag is in place.
- Shows up early to greet members and guests.
- Ensures bylaws and rules are enforced.
- Keeps order during meetings removing members that get out of line.
- Maintains a sign in sheet.
- Collects ballots tallying votes.



L to R: Harry Pankow, Dale Rissinger, Dick Monkelbaan, Gene Preston, Bob “Goober” Andrews, Sandra Austin, Dave Meacham, Tom & Georgia Macauley & Sharon Rissinger not pictured

2024 CHAPTER 35 OFFICERS

President, Gene Preston
 Vice President, Dick Monkelbaan
 Secretary, Sandra Austin
 Treasurer, Georgia Macauley
 Membership Secretary, Dave Meacham
 Sgt-At-Arms, Tom Macauley
 Patty Feeny, Sunshine
 Newsletter Editor, vacant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Andrews (2024)
 Dave Meacham (2025)
 Dick Monkelbaan (2025)
 Harry Pankow (2026)
 Gene Preston (2025)
 Dale Rissinger (2026)
 Sharon Rissinger (2024)

With our November election, December 16 swearing-in, and installation, the BOD approved the officers for 2024. Congratulations and thanks to all listed here for being part of the management team keeping NYS Chapter 35 alive and afloat. The BOD looks forward to proudly serving you to the best of our ability.

Treasurer's Report by Georgia Macauley for 4th Quarter, 2023

Opening Balance	\$ 16,556.18
Income:	
October Membership dues	\$ 3,085.00
November Membership dues	\$ 2,575.00
Donation & 50/50 Raffle	\$ 76.00
December Membership dues	\$ 610.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 100.00
	\$ 6,446.00
Expenses:	
October Warsaw Penny Saver, membership renewal letters, envelopes	\$ 365.03
National dues	\$ 1,740.00
Fall newsletter	\$ 161.95
November National dues	\$ 1,480.00
Clubhouse rent	\$ 50.00
Meeting lunch paper goods, picture frame	\$ 16.66
December Batavia Church Christmas Party	\$ 933.00
Christmas Party Decorations	\$ 171.70
National dues	\$ 340.00
Lamont Awards engraving	\$ 30.00
Dave Meacham website	\$ 600.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,888.34
Ending Balance:	\$ 17,113.84

Membership Report by Dave Meacham

I do not have very much of a report this time around, however our membership has decreased a little. Our active paid members are now at 195. Sadly, eight members passed away during 2023.

Some Harvester Highlights have been returned due to the fact the address is incorrect. Please if your address changes let me know as soon as you can so we can avoid this. The USPS will not forward magazines, so this means the cost is double to mail it to you. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Regarding our Chapter if you happen to talk to someone that likes old red iron, please suggest joining our Chapter 35 to them.

We are doing a lot more via email so PLEASE send me your email if you have one! Thanks.

Meet Our New Treasurer

By Order of Board of Directors



The Board of Directors have approved and appointed Georgia Macauley to the position of Chapter 35 Treasurer, a position previously held by her husband Tom Macauley since 2021. Georgia's experience and strong background of working with finances for Merrimac Farms made the transition go smoothly.

President Gene Preston, Tom and Georgia met November 30 at the Perry Branch of M&T Bank with bank officials completing the necessary paperwork making Georgia our Chapter 35 Treasurer. Gene remains as second signer on the account. Georgia will officially be installed and sworn-in along with other chapter officers and directors during the meeting at the Christmas Party in Batavia, December 16, 2023. We thank Tom for his service to the chapter and wish Georgia all the best in her new position.

IHC CHAPTER 35 OF NEW YORK STATE IS SEEKING A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR. KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO USE THE MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE OF PRODUCTS IS REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL GENE PRESTON TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. JUST AS AN FYI THE NEWSLETTER ONLY GOES OUT FOUR TIMES PER YEAR.

NEW FIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

By Gene Preston, President & Dick Monkelbaan, Vice President

For some time now we have been talking about going to a 4 meetings per year schedule for General and Director meetings, and that additional meetings can be called whenever necessary. Just when we were ready to print the schedule, we realized that we needed a fifth meeting to fit in mandatory business in accordance with our bylaws. **SEE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MEETING TIMES AND DETAILS.**

February 11, 2024, "Braggin' Rights" Farm Toy Show. Director & General Meetings.

May 19, 2024, "Swap Meet", Director & General Meetings at John Langless Tractor Barn.

September 7, 2024, At WNYG&SEA clubhouse during State Show, Director and General Meetings.

November 10, 2024, Reorganizational Meeting, Director & General Mtgs and Election at the clubhouse.

December, 2024, Annual Christmas Party Dir. & General meetings & Installation of Officers. Date TBD.

Other chapter events taking place in between these meetings are also listed in the Calendar of Events.

ATTENTION: NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Several members have requested this so here it is! One of the benefits of National membership is the amazing Harvester Highlights publication. However, if there is more than one member living in the same household two copies may be too much. So, effective with the next issue of Harvester Highlights in April 2024, national, will be able to **"turn off"** Harvester Highlights magazine for anyone that receives multiple copies at their household and does not want the extra issues. There is **no dues** reduction if you choose not to receive HH. Just want to make this an option for those not wanting extra magazines. Please send Dave Meacham an email, text, or phone call if you would like to exercise this option.



IHC Chapter 35 of NYS is the IH Collector's Chapter of the Buffalo Bills!



General Membership Meeting 11.12.2023:

Time: 1:30pm-2:32pm

In attendance: Gene Preston, President/Director; Dick Monkelbaan, Vice President/Director; Dale Rissinger, Director; Bob Andrews, Director; Harry Pankow, Director; Dave Meacham, Membership Secretary/Director; Tom Macauley, Treasurer; Georgia Macauley, Incoming Treasurer; Sandra Austin, Secretary; General Members Butch Christ, Ray DeGlopper, Greg Meyer (Anita's son), Dean Macauley, Carol Monkelbaan, Tim Hagen, and Dick & Debbie Schuessler.

Meeting called to order by: Gene Preston, President

Pledge to the Flag led by: Ray DeGlopper

Invocation by: Gene Preston, President

Past Presidents in attendance: Ray DeGlopper, Dale Rissinger

Reading of Minutes: Shown in newsletter; dispensed of reading.

→ Motion to approve: Ray DeGlopper

→ Second: Patty Feeney. The motion is carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Macauley has requested that we appoint his wife, Georgia, as the Club Treasurer in place of him as he feels that she can better carry out the duties and responsibilities. This change was approved at today's Board of Directors' Meeting. Legal paperwork changes will be made at the Perry Branch of the M&T Bank on November 30, by Gene, Tom and Georgia. In October, our balance was \$16,556; November balance was \$17,374 at the beginning of the month and is 18,144 today.

→ Motion to approve: Carol Monkelbaan

→ Second: Ray DeGlopper. The motion is carried.

Secretary's Report: No correspondence received.

Membership Secretary Report: we are currently at 156 members; we had 211 last year. we may put an update on the website so that members are aware that they need to be in good standing.

→ Motion to approve: Tom McCauley

→ Second: Tim. The motion is carried.

Old Business: None.

Committee reports: None

New Business:

→ **Election Results:** Terms for Directors Dale Rissinger and Harry Pankow are set to expire in the fall. Both ran unopposed, as no floor nominations or biographies were received by the Secretary by the October 1st deadline, so no election was necessary and both directors were reinstated with one ballot cast by the secretary.

→ **Re-organizational meeting:** All officers will remain in office this year with exception of the treasurer; Georgia will be replacing Tom.

Memberships: The question has been raised as to why members in the same household should have to have two memberships and pay full price; the only benefit is that they are receiving a second Harvester Highlights magazine. It has been proposed that the first member of a household pay \$35 in dues and the second member can become a local member for the cost of \$15, and they would not have a national membership. The vice president will write something up to reflect this change in membership fees.

Meetings outside of the clubhouse Last spring, the Soderickers hosted us at their dairy farm. This year, our May meeting (05.19.2024) will be hosted by John Langless at Langless Classic Tractors, 4757 Littleville Road, Avon, New York. Lunch and drinks will be provided by the club and members are asked to bring a lawn chair. Details will be posted in the Farmall Flyer and on our website under the Calendar of Events.

Christmas Party: We will be having our Christmas Party on 12.16.2023 at the Batavia United Methodist Church Hall, 8221 Lewiston Road, Batavia, NY 14020. We will have the Officers'

Installation for the upcoming year at our party. Members should RSVP to Roberta Learn at 607-423-7097 by 12.07.2023.

Donation/tribute for Anita DeGlopper: Member Dick Belding made a donation of \$100 to the club when he paid his annual dues; he asked that the money go for a donation in Anita's name or "for the good of the club". We had a ceremony to unveil Anita's name on our deceased members plaque and put up a picture of her. Husband Ray, son Greg Meyer, and Gene did this. Our 05.19.2023 meeting will be a memorial for Anita, and we will use the balance to pay for the luncheon.

Alexander Steam Club Christmas Party: Alexander is having their Christmas party on 12.09.2023 at the clubhouse. Anyone who wishes to go needs to bring a dessert or a snack and a gift for the Chinese auction. There is a sign-up sheet circulating.

Meeting Entertainment: Butch Christ has volunteered to provide entertainment at our upcoming meetings. In addition to International Harvester trivia, we could do things such as famous names that nobody would know, animals, or a variety of other fun quizzes and trivia. Butch also feels that the officers should all have their pay doubled this year; of course, 2 x \$0 = \$0!

Guests and speakers: No speakers today

For Good and Welfare of the Organization:

→ **Rob Mings:** Things are most likely as good as they are going to get; Rob has been recovering from a stroke and is now living at the Elderwood Nursing Home in Amherst, New York. Cards may be sent to him at 929 Campbell Boulevard, Williamsville, New York 14211-6212. His wife will make sure he gets them.

→ **Sharon Rissinger:** We continue to keep Sharon in our thoughts and prayers.

50/50 drawing won by: Bob Andrews

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on 12.16.2023 at the Batavia United Methodist Church Hall, 8221 Lewiston Road, Batavia, NY 14020.

Motion for Adjournment: Dick Schuessler, **Second:** Harry Pankow. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:32pm, by Gene Preston, President/Director.

Gene thanked all for coming and to have a safe drive home.

Sandra Austin

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Austin, Secretary

Please mark your calendars for the 2024 Red Power Roundup (June 20-23)

Hosted by Iowa Chapter 5
International Harvester Collectors

**[2024 RED POWER ROUNDUP -
2024RPRU \(rpru2024.com\)](https://www.rpru2024.com)**



Please visit the 2024 Red Power Roundup website for additional details

General Membership Meeting Minutes 12.16.2023: Conducted during the Christmas Party at the First United Methodist Church Hall in Batavia, NY.

Time: 1:40pm-2:25pm

In attendance: Gene Preston, President/Director; Dick Monkelbaan, Vice President/Director; Dale Rissinger, Director; Bob Andrews, Director; Harry Pankow, Director; Dave Meacham, Membership Secretary/Director; Sandra Austin, Secretary; General Membership attending: Roberta learn, Brant Sherlock, Patrick Pankow, Donna Austin, Carol Monkelbaan, Tim Hayden, Carol & Paul Welker, Dick Schuessler, Debbie, Mazur, Ray DeGlopper, Terry & Donna Page, Jo Andrews, Butch Christ, Daryel & Ellen Heiby, Art Todtenhagen, Doug & Diana Harke, Dick Kohl, Jerry Taylor family (5), Jay & Sharon Fullerton, Brenda, Oliver, & Dean Macauley (Randy & Becky Broughton came late not at this meeting.

Meeting called to order by: Gene Preston, President

Pledge to the Flag led by: Ray DeGlopper

Invocation by: Gene Preston, President

Reading of Minutes: Motion to approve printed notes in last newsletter made by Terry Page, seconded by Patty Feeney; the motion was carried.

Treasurer's report: Georgia was ill said that her report will be in the next newsletter.

Membership Secretary Report: Membership is currently down; we currently have 186 active members, which is down from 20 this time last year. We have had eight members, seven in good standing, pass this year. Calls have been made and emails have been sent; postcards Will be sent out to members we have been unable to reach. if you know anyone who hasn't renewed, ask them about it. Motion to approve made by Daryl Heiby, seconded by Ray DeGlopper. the motion is carried. we are currently still in the process of developing a membership status change when there are more than one member in a household semicolon the vice president will write up something for our next meeting. the memberships secretary spoke with someone at national, and they said that there is no way to do this at that level. insurance is an ancillary member would not be covered since they would not be a national member. discussion to be continued.

Committee reports: None at this time.

Past presidents in attendance and recognized: Ray DeGlopper, Dale Rissinger

New Business: New Treasurer: Georgia Macauley has taken over as treasurer. Bank paperwork was completed on 11.30.2023. Georgia Macauley, Tom Macauley, and Gene Preston went to the Perry branch of the M&T Bank and met with officials to sign any necessary paperwork removing Tom's name and making Georgia the new treasurer; Gene will remain on as a second signer. Thank you to our outgoing treasurer for doing a good job and thank you to Georgia for stepping in to take over.

➤ **Sergeant at Arms position:** The position was approved by the Board of Directors at the last meeting and Tom Macauley was appointed to the position; thank you to Tom for accepting the job! The bylaws will be updated.

➤ **Newsletter:** The newsletter will be going out in January. Dave and Gene have been working on it for now but would like someone else to take over; we are hoping that someone will step up!!

➤ **Installation of Officers:** Member Terry Page assisted with the installation of the 2024 officers:

** **For the office of President: Gene Preston**

** **For the office of Vice President: Dick Monkelbaan**

** **For the office of Membership Secretary: Dave Meacham**

** **For the office of Secretary: Sandra Austin**

** **For the office of Treasurer: Georgia Macauley**

** **For the office of Sergeant at Arms: Tom Macauley**

Chapter 35 Memorial Service: A new tradition is being started to honor and remember the members that we lost during the course of the year. The following members were honored at today's memorial service:

As each name was read by Gene, VP Monkelbaan rang the bell one time.

- **Charter Member #015, Robert H. Erdmann, Cattaraugus County**
- **Member #305, Robert V. Call, Genesee County**
- **Charter Member #002, Anita DeGlopper, Erie County**
- **Member #585, William F Chamberlain, Wyoming County**
- **Member #763, J. Randolph Starr, Genesee County**
- **Charter Member #112, Paul G. Schneible, DVM, Wyoming County**
- **Charter Member #013, Mary VanValkenburg, Genesee County**
- **Charter Member #020, Raymond Allyn, Genesee County**

List of guests and speakers: Member Daryl Heiby gave a wonderful presentation on the history of International Harvester dealerships. Thank you for such an interesting and informative presentation!

Good and Welfare of the Organization:

Member Rob Mings remains at Elderwood (corner of Eggert and Bailey in Amherst).

Member/Director Sharon Rissinger is in Strong Memorial Hospital at this time.

Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

50/50 drawing: won by Dick Kohl. He donated his winnings of \$41 back to the chapter. Poinsettia plant presented to Daryl Heiby for being our guest speaker.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on 02.11.2024 at the Alexander Steam show Clubhouse; this will be our farm Toy Show.

Motion for Adjournment: Dick Monkelbaan

Second: Jay Fullerton

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25pm by Gene Preston, President/Director.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Austin, Secretary

Director Sharon Rissinger Update By Board of Directors

Dale reports Sharon has been placed in CROSSROADS HOUSE, a comfort care facility for the terminally ill in Batavia, NY. Sharon has been a real fighter with her cancer. Let us say extra prayers for our beloved Director Sharon as she deals with this part of her journey home.

Patty, our Sunshine person has sent a card on behalf of our chapter. Cards may be sent to her home address and Dale will take them to her. May God Bless the Rissinger Family.

**Sharon Rissinger
1191 Perry Road
Pavilion, NY 14525**

2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY at BATAVIA, NY

By Gene Preston, President

Our biggest social event of the year, our Annual Christmas Party, was another huge success again this year as a strong turnout of members signed up, making Saturday afternoon December 16 a lot of fun.

Donations of canned goods covered a table for our friends at Batavia First United Methodist Church, of which they are very thankful. Another table showed the many wrapped gifts brought for the gift exchange among members, and another table displayed the many door prizes awarded.

Three large chapter banners, red, black and white balloons, table centerpieces comprised of decorated poinsettias complete with IH logos, red, white and black table covers and place-settings, colorful event programs and a Christmas Tree made for a festive atmosphere. Poinsettias became door prizes at days end.

A brief Board of Directors Meeting followed by our General Membership Meeting took care of some business wrapping up the year. Then came the Installation of Officers and Directors and Swearing-In Ceremony. This year past director/secretary Terry Page of Perry, NY kindly administered the oath of office to our 2024 officers and BOD. All are proudly listed elsewhere here in *Farmall Flyer*. Terry has a personality making public speaking details such as this a breeze. We are so blessed to have him for a member.

New to the program this year was a brief Memorial Service remembering the 8 members names with VP Dick Monkelbaan tolling a bell after the reading of each name that passed during 2023. This will be a tradition at each December meeting.

All were asked to position themselves below a chapter banner for a group photo to be published in a future issue of the National newsletter, *Harvester Highlights*.

Our grand banquet followed as the church kitchen crew served an outstanding all you can eat family style meal of smoked brisket, mashed potatoes, rolls, vegetables dinner topped off with apple crisp for dessert.

Our speaker Daryl Heiby, a past International Harvester Dealer in Perry, NY delivered what is in my opinion, the

ultimate speaker for an IHC Chapter. Daryl's talk did not fall short of our expectations. Stories and pictures of being a dealer were most interesting concluding with a question-and-answer period that satisfied our many concerns. Thank you very much Daryl. We are a much more informed chapter of IHC now that you blessed us with your IH expertise. And listen to this! He presented the chapter with a large IH flag that used to be flown at the dealership. It is in very good condition for its age. Then came our drawing of door prize tickets and our gift exchange. We are thankful to our friends at the Hilton, NY NAPA store for donating many 2024 calendars of classic tractors and vintage automobiles. Director Harry Pankow arranged for Santa to deliver a gift of a toy train set to little Henry and Wesley Taylor. Nice touch Harry! The 50-50 drawing was won by Dick Kohl who donated the winnings back to the chapter. Thank you, Dick.

Last but not least our entertainment guru Butch Christ provided laughs as he presented another of his IH trivia programs. This was followed by a time of relaxation among friends visiting until it was time to head for home. Needless-to-say, my camera was busy all through the day and soon our website will offer many photos showing the fun at this year's Christmas party. We gave the kitchen staff at the Batavia First United Methodist Church Hall a big round of applause for their outstanding meal and hospitality.

Earlier in the day it became a concern that Charter Member #093 Dick Belding, Ionia, NY, was not in attendance. He was one of the first to reply that he was coming to the party. I called him a day later to check on his welfare and he told me he got the wrong day. Failing calendar is a bummer! Happens to all of us. He showed up at the church hall Sunday noon instead of Saturday. He said he will get it right next year. We missed you Dick.

In closing, I want to thank Roberta Learn for handling banquet details working with the church hall folks, and registering folks as they arrived with name tags, selling 50-50 tickets, and handing out door prize and gift exchange tickets. Thanks also to Patty Feeny for making the programs, and to Dave Meacham for his help here and there with party details. Go to our website at www.ihcc35ny.com and see lots of pictures of the fun day.





REMEMBERING DR. PAUL G. SCHNEIBLE, DVM

By Gene Preston, President

Our tractor club was once again rocked the moment member Terry Page called me with word of Paul's passing. Chapter 35 has one fewer charter members, and is a bit less represented now. I and other chapter presidents across the country have often talked about accepting the nature of our clubs made up of seniors, many rounding third base and heading for home plate - followed by memorial services.

Our membership developed a love for our practicing veterinarian from the early days of our chapter forming in the early 2000's, thus charter member #112. His well written obituary summed him up by saying, *"He was many things to many people, and most especially, animals - his best friends. He was a healer, listener, prankster and guide."*

I have several stories about Paul, the most recent last April when our chapter meeting and lunch was hosted by member Steve Sondericker at his Attica, NY "Friendly Acres Farm." While touring the robotic milking operation Dr. Paul was in his glory explaining all about cows, their likes and dislikes, habits and how they liked to be milked. Everyone was in awe of our resident veterinarian as we walked from barn to barn listening to him lecture among happy mooing cows all about.

My dad used to tell us kids that a veterinarian had to be more on-the-ball than people doctors, because you cannot ask a cow where it hurts or what is bothering it. Doc was our chapter director/secretary starting back in 2014 until 2019. Believe me, a director since 2005, I can attest to his tremendous energy and humor, and board of director meetings are never as much fun without him.

And so, we say a final good-bye to one of our more colorful and famous members, Dr. Paul G. Schneible DVM. Our prayers go out to his beloved Terry of 53 years, and family at this very difficult time. Let us not mourn his passing but rejoice for the time that we had him among us. Rest easy Doc.



REMEMBERING MARGY M. VANVALKENBURG

By Gene Preston, President



November 28, 2023 marked a sad day for the Chapter 35 family of members as Charter Member Marge M. VanValkenburg passed away. She and her late husband Lewis were very active members in the early years of our club. Lewis Passed away in 2021, and now with the passing of Margy we have our first husband and wife team honored on our Deceased Member Memorial Plaque at our Alexander Clubhouse.

In the back yard of their Bergen, NY, Genesee County farm by the barn, Farmall tractors could often be seen. They lived there since the early 1980's, moving from Churchville, NY.

We will miss seeing Marge at the various shows with her handmade items for sale. Marge was an accomplished LPN retiring in 2006. She will be missed, but never forgotten by our many members that she enjoyed talking to during tractor shows. Marge is buried beside her beloved Lewie at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Perry Center, NY. Rest in peace dear friend.

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